

00:25:43 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): [www.dhhspto.org](http://www.dhhspto.org)

00:26:01 Susan-Anne MacKenna: please note that in the May 9 BOE meeting, they said that the fire department found no significant violations. It will be interesting to see the May 11 results.

00:26:14 Dagmar E: wow..

00:30:47 Kelly Lee: My biggest concern at this point is that the BOE continues to barrel forward with their  
'alternative

00:31:31 Dagmar E: Agree. What are our options to stop them, aside from elections?

00:31:42 Kelly Lee: " plan and what will happen next as far as holding these cronies accountable against what the state super has said

00:32:45 Shelli Johannes-Wells: Wasn't that because of her letter to the press?

00:34:16 Shelli Johannes-Wells: I believe some BOE members are up for election this election period.

00:34:51 Dagmar E: yes; Alison Gevertz and Marshall Orson's seat

00:34:57 Steve Langdon: Only 1 of the 4 that voted CMH out is up for re-election

00:35:29 Janet: Elect the right legislatures for laws to enforce good governance.

00:35:39 WENDY DREW: Local Mayors also called out the Board for their actions

00:36:25 Michael Dowling: Board member Dijon DaCosta is also up for re-election.

00:36:40 Janet: I am running against him, Janet Hughes

00:36:58 WENDY DREW: Good luck Janet Hughes!

00:37:15 Janet: I need Good Luck and prayers

00:37:16 Kelly Lee: Orson, Gevertz and DacCosta Are up for election

00:37:29 Kelly Lee: VOTE JANET HUGHES, she is on our team

00:37:39 Catherine Barfield: orson is running for county commission

00:37:43 Tamara Shipley:Orson is not running for BOE.

00:38:04 Janet: Kelly, you alerted me to the problem.

00:38:05 Kara Rozell: How can we help you Janet?

00:38:05 Kelly Lee: Right, Orson is running for commission

00:38:21 Kelly Lee: Yes I did @ Janet

00:38:21 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): All pertinent articles on the saga are filed chronologically at <https://www.dhhspto.org/modernize-dhhs> for your reading pleasure

00:38:26 Whitney McGinniss: I am one of the candidates running for Orson's open seat.

00:38:40 Janet: Call people, get them to put out signs. We can get a call list

00:38:50 Kara Rozell: Early voting until May 20. Election Day May 24

00:39:10 Kelly Lee: Whitney, you have my vote....by fear with 4 candidates is not ending up with the BEST candidate ;/

00:39:18 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): Let's please keep the chat focused on Task Force discussion, please

00:39:37 Tamara Shipley: Actually - to correct something Ken said ... Pierce abstained from the superintendent vote.

00:39:44 Kelly Lee: Fair - so emotional

00:40:02 Janet: Yes, good direction

00:40:03 Kara Rozell: Agreed, Odette. Thanks for keeping us on track.

00:42:03 Rob MacGregor: Is not accurate that Orson is running for Jeff Rader Dekalb County Commissioner position as Jeff vacates it?

00:42:20 Leigh Hopkins: Will Woods give a newly elected board another chance to submit their plan, assuming 3 board members get replaced?

00:42:27 Rob MacGregor: I meant accurate?

00:42:34 Janet: I am fighting for Druid Hills even though not in my district

00:43:21 Catherine Barfield: Who else thinks option #3 - Board doesn't meet - is the most likely outcome?

00:43:46 iPhone: I'm afraid option 3 will indeed happen.

00:44:26 Valarie Basheda: How aware are the other schools on the list that their funding is in jeopardy?

00:44:35 Jenine Milum: Voting for "anointed by the establishment" candidates means more of the same

00:45:59 Whitney McGinniss: The other school projects were already in jeopardy because of Ms. Hill's Priority 1-3 deferred maintenance plan. There wouldn't even be money left for the other projects. 😞

00:47:39 Dan Whisenhunt: Ken, my prediction is there will be no more board meetings until after May 24

00:48:39 Dan Whisenhunt: Tamara, I would love to know who holds the board accountable re: ethics / campaign finance issues. As I understand it there currently is not an ethics authority for the BOE

00:49:14 Catherine Barfield: Ethics? HA!

00:49:32 Dan Whisenhunt: they do have an ethics code

00:49:37 Dan Whisenhunt: they're supposed to be following

00:49:39 Kelly Lee: Indeed, ethics.

00:49:44 Dan Whisenhunt: but if they don't, who enforces that?

00:49:50 Janet: I think there is an Ethics Committee but inside the system. It needs to be outside

00:49:52 Dan Whisenhunt: that's one question I haven't gotten a clear answer to

00:49:57 Susan-Anne MacKenna: She also could not hire; her chief of staff was hired four months before she was hired.

00:50:22 Leigh Hopkins: or board member training?

00:50:38 Jenine Milum: -Gwinnet has twice the students but have the administrative staff. Talk to Gwinnett

00:50:53 Jenine Milum: Half-not have

00:51:05 sbinney: Mr Brown and the Board work together. Bypassing the superintendent, who ever it is.

00:51:20 Catherine Barfield: Gwinnett has been well run for many years.

00:52:15 Kara Rozell: Amazing work on PR!

00:53:52 Rob MacGregor: What happened to Uhry Theater? The latest pictures the students took show no carpet, no window curtains, No floor lighting that the neighborhood paid for in the early 2000's. Thousands of dollars were spent on the theater renovation. Yet it appears the school district got rid undid the renovations.

00:54:25 Janet: The Dekalb bureaucracy is unelected, no accountability, incompetent, too many conflicts of interest, possibly corrupt. The source of the problem. Cut bureaucracy by 50%.

00:54:36 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): TO JOIN ONE OF THE WORKSTREAMS, PLEASE VISIT THIS FORM: <https://forms.gle/vg82R6njVs4Luq69>

00:54:52 Doug Little: I thought I remember in a meeting a while back where Marshall Orson tried to put the ethics committee back together and it was voted down?

00:55:12 Kelly Lee: Amen Steve

00:55:12 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): AGAIN, please keep chat discussion focused on the topic at hand. No campaigning and no free-form complaining

00:56:13 Ted Golden: Lakeside High School received coverage last week about the conditions in their school. At what point can some one step forward and request that all DeKalb County Schools assess the current conditions with verification so that we know how many schools are in poor condition.

00:57:19 Whitney McGinniss: @Ted. That is essentially what was done last year with the CMP. I believe ~55-60% of DCSD schools are in "poor" condition (or worse)

00:57:30 Kelly Lee: With all due respect Odette, I welcome well informed complaints here, that can help us build a long term future plan.

00:57:46 Whitney McGinniss: <https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/>

00:59:28 Catherine Barfield: The condition of the HVAC in these buildings is appalling given COVID

01:01:16 James Morey: I admire the parent service ethic, but these are non-trivial jobs for professionals.

01:01:52 Janet: I think it is best to be informed about all of the districts. That is why I am here even though I am running in another district Thank you for this organization. District 6 needs this type of advocacy.

01:01:54 Candice D. McKinley, Esq.: Just in case we don't get the full modernization. Can we get ahead of the next board meeting and put our own list of repairs/upgrades together? Somewhat of a demand list to our Board. Excluding what we will voluntarily get done on Red Devil Summer Work Days.

01:01:55 David Price: Is Sunday an option too?

01:01:56 WENDY DREW: Thank you to all the Red Devil leaders and team! I'll see you at Summer work days. How can someone quickly get a suggested script and distribution list to customize a message/email to Board members and elected officials. Easy way to get mass engagement.

01:04:03 Wendy Hamilton: Are there properly sized HEPA air purifiers in every classroom at DHHS? Fernbank's foundation purchased them for every room. Has this been considered by the PTA or Foundation?

01:04:08 Ted Golden: Please be aware that these sinks didn't fall off the wall by themselves. There needs to be some discussion about how to prevent the destruction of these accommodations by our students.

01:04:19 Rep Becky Evans< HD 83: Ken and Tamara, I would like to say a few words, is that possible?

01:04:40 Michael Dowling: Exterior paint on the old part of DHHS May present lead hazards. The PTA paid Trey Palmer to repair, prime, and repaint several of the exterior doorways over a summer around 2009 or 2010. I suggest reviewing any painting plans with him or a painting professional. It is not trivial to correctly remediate that situation.

01:05:10 Candice D. McKinley, Esq.: We also have to cognizant of any liability issues of work done by lay people and/or general contractors.

01:05:19 Rep Becky Evans< HD 83: becky@beckyevans.com

01:05:24 Whitney McGinniss: @Michael - good point about lead. At Laurel Ridge parents were not allowed to do any painting

01:05:36 Whitney McGinniss: ...for that very reason

01:05:44 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): Form to join committees:  
<https://forms.gle/vg82R6njvs4Luq69>

01:07:41 Dan Whisenhunt: Turner bailed on the delegation twice, I heard

01:08:02 Shelli Johannes-Wells: Do we have a list of just have to make the school safe and healthy outside of #modernization so we can prioritize?

01:08:25 Shelli Johannes-Wells: Doesn't Watson's child go to DHHS?

01:08:42 Dan Whisenhunt: yep

01:08:54 CATHY ZEDD: There is not any jurisdiction over lead paint issues from any governing body in school facilities that house children over 6 years of age.

01:09:08 Shelli Johannes-Wells: Where is she as a parent? If she no longer works for Dekalb - can we get her involved?

01:09:11 Kim Goldsmith: Last summer parents and kids repainted the gym lobby through the Druid Hills Athletic Association. It was disgusting, but it looks so much better now! We paid a professional to paint the ceiling and the front doors. We purchased paint trays, rollers, and brushes that we still have and could use again this summer. Also I got to be an expert at painting brick, which is no joke!

01:09:18 Dan Whisenhunt: no meeting will happen before May 24

01:09:40 Dan Whisenhunt: if they do before, they will call it to remove Druid Hills again

01:10:17 Alistair Wells: MS Evans can you be specific on what you will be doing to get DHSS back open the list?

01:10:30 Dan Whisenhunt: she can't do anything, unfortunately\

01:10:38 Alistair Wells: and how we can help?

01:11:21 Susanna: Is there more us students can do? People are aching to make a difference for our school.

01:11:54 Shelli Johannes-Wells: Do we have any funds to help pay for painters and plumbers? Some of the repairs are beyond parents.

01:12:46 Karen Droze: Students can attend the work days in June, correct?

01:13:40 Janet: I don't know why the Board of Health is not involved. I worked developing a therapeutic fostercare program under the Board of Health in the nineties. Each home had stringent safety requirements.

01:14:14 David Price: Thank ;you for your help Ms. Evans!

01:14:16 CATHY ZEDD: Board of health only has jurisdiction over cafeteria issues

01:14:19 Kristan Majors: Thank you, Representative Evans. Thank you, PAC!

01:14:37 Odette Diaz Schuler (she/ella/ma'am): Students are ABSOLUTELY welcome to help on work days

01:14:40 Karen Droze: Thank you, Ken and Tamara!

01:14:56 Diane Milla: Thank you, Ken and Tamara!

01:15:02 Dr. Rochelle Bradford: Gracias!

01:15:26 Kristan Majors: Can we get an update next time on the fire marshal plan and steps to correct failures. I read the Decaturish article and appreciated that.

01:15:27 Catherine Barfield: Thank you to all the PTO and Task Force folks!

01:15:34 Janet: Thank you for allowing me to join the zoom

01:15:36 WENDY DREW: Great update and path forward. Great job with PR! Thank you Ken, Tamara, Steve, Odette, Rep Evans!

01:16:13 WENDY DREW: Decaturish is a great source of information, thanks for calling them out.

01:16:22 David Price: Thanks for your help!

01:17:17 Jenine Milum: Great to see all these parents getting involved. It makes a world of difference

01:20:40 Brandy Madson: Ken you mentioned parents asking you how this happened? And I agree, we moved here almost a year ago and the moment I walked into the school for Red Devil Days I was concerned. Even if we got the funding, and we get repairs and new building, how will the buildings be maintained? There are newer schools in this district that are being neglected. Is this a part of the long term planning we hope to do? There has to be some basic standards set in place and accountability around them.

01:26:08 Ken Schroeder: Thanks everyone!!